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1. The requirements for the successful completion of the Water Pollution (WP) and Discharge Monitoring Report-Quality Assurance (DMR-QA) studies are interchangeable if they are completed within a certain time frame. In the year 2000, many Arizona licensed laboratories had to do duplicate PT analysis since they were not aware of the time frames for ordering the PT samples and for reporting test results. An Arizona licensed laboratory that has successfully completed the DMR-QA study is not required to analyze a WP study. The time frames for the year 2001 are:
  - Order PT samples (either WP or DMR-QA) from a NIST Accredited Provider before June 5, 2001. WP results may be used for DMR-QA if the results have not been published prior to June 5, 2001.
  - Analyze samples before provider's deadline.
  - Mail the completed National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permittee Data Report Form and Provider data form to the PT provider no later than the date set by the provider and before September 15, 2001.
  - Mail a copy to state or regional NPDES Permit Regulatory Authority.
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